

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. In the Office Action dated June 29, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 10, 17-18, and 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. §101, Claims 6 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, Claims 1, 10, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), and Claims 2, 5-9, 12, and 17-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 19-20 were allowed. In the Amendment filed October 29, 2007, in response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2007, amendments to the claims were submitted.

In a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 29, 2008, the Examiner required that the Listing of Claims be re-submitted with the text of any deleted subject matter consisting of five or fewer characters shown in double brackets. Applicants hereby re-submit corrected amendments to the claims section consistent with the Amendment filed October 29, 2007, incorporating the deleted subject matter, consisting of five or fewer characters, in double brackets. In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,
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